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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A container comprising
 - (a) a container body comprising a first fastener portion;
 - (b) a cover comprising a second fastener portion adapted to engage the first fastener portion to form a reclosable fastener having a first end and a second end, wherein the cover defines an X-Y plane when the first fastener portion and second fastener portion are engaged;
 - ~~(c) a reclosable fastener having a first end and a second end, disposed between the container body and the cover and adapted to fasten the cover to the container;~~
 - (d) a track comprising a fastener portion formed on the reclosable fastener and a ramp extending from the X-Y plane ~~first end of the reclosable fastener;~~ and
 - (e) a slider movable along the track to open or close the reclosable fastener.
2. (Original) The container according to claim 1, wherein the slider is movable in the track in a closing direction from the second end of the reclosable fastener to the first end of the reclosable fastener and is movable in the track in an opening direction from the first end of the reclosable fastener to the second end of the reclosable fastener.
3. (Original) The container according to claim 2, wherein the ramp is adapted for parking the slider after closing the reclosable fastener.
4. (Original) The container according to claim 2, wherein the track further comprises an auxiliary track extending from the second end of the reclosable fastener and adapted for parking the slider after opening the reclosable fastener.
5. (Original) The container according to claim 1, wherein the slider has a leading edge in the opening direction, the leading edge adapted to engage the cover at about the first end of the reclosable fastener to open the container.

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6. (Original) The container according to claim 1, wherein the cover comprises a flexible lip extending from the reclosable fastener.
7. (Original) The container according to claim 6, wherein the slider is adapted to engage the flexible lip at about the first end of the fastener to initiate opening of the reclosable fastener.
8. (Original) The container according to claim 7, wherein the slider engages an underneath side of the flexible lip forcing the cover to separate from the container body.
9. (Original) The container according to claim 6, wherein the ramp and the first end of the reclosable fastener define an angle therebetween, the angle sufficiently steep to allow the slider to engage the flexible lip at about the first end of the fastener to initiate opening of the reclosable fastener.
10. (Original) The container according to claim 9, wherein the angle is an acute angle.
11. (Original) The container according to claim 1, wherein the reclosable fastener comprises interlocking protruded and recessed elements, the protruded element is provided on the container body and the recessed element is provided on the cover.
12. (Original) The container according to claim 1, wherein the ramp has a radius of curvature at about the first end of the fastener.
13. (Original) The container according to claim 1, wherein the ramp extends linearly for a distance to allow the slider to be parked without interfering with the cover.
14. (Original) The container according to claim 1, wherein the reclosable fastener is sealable.
15. (Original) The container according to claim 1, wherein the reclosable fastener is adapted to fasten the cover around at least a portion of a perimeter of the container.

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16. (Original) The container according to claim 15, wherein the portion of the perimeter defines a single plane.
17. (Original) The container according to claim 15, wherein the portion of the perimeter defines more than one plane.
18. (Currently amended) A container comprising:
a cover ~~extending in a two dimensional plane defining orthogonal X and Y directions comprising a first fastener portion,~~
a container body a container body comprising a second fastener portion adapted to engage the first fastener portion to form a reclosable fastener having a first end an a second end, wherein the cover defines an X-Y plane when the first fastener portion and second fastener portion are engaged;
~~— a reclosable fastener disposed between the cover and the container body and adapted to fasten the cover to the container;~~
a slider slidably attached to the reclosable fastener and moved along the reclosable fastener to open or close the reclosable fastener; and
a ramp extending from the reclosable fastener at an angle to the XY plane and providing a parking location for the slider.
19. (Currently amended) A rigid elongate reclosable fastener comprising interlocking protruded and recessed portions, the fastener defining a plane comprising orthogonal X and Y dimensions when the portions are interlocked, a slider, and a track for the slider, the track including a fastener portion formed on at least one of the interlocking portions and a ramp extending from a first end of the interlocking portions at an angle to the X_Y plane, wherein the slider is moved along the track to open or close the interlocking portions.
20. (Original) The container according to claim 6, wherein the ramp and the first end of the reclosable fastener define an angle therebetween, the angle sufficiently steep to allow the slider to initiate opening of the reclosable fastener.